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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON BASELINES

ON 4 APRIL LARGER WORKING GROUP ON BASELINES MET TO CONSIDER
CONSOLIDATED TEXT (PROVISIONS 4 THRU 20 OF MAIN TRENDS PAPER)
ON BASELINES. CHAIRMAN GALINDO-POHL INTRODUCED
CONSOLIDATED TEXT WITH DETAILED EXPLANATION OF RATIONALE
FOR 18 PROVISIONS INCLUDED. TEXT WAS ENDORSED ALMOST IN
ITS ENTIRETY BY MARITIME STATUS (UK, FRANCE, USSR, JAPAN)
AS WELL AS BY CANADA AND SPAIN. ARGENTINA RAISED QUESTION
WITH RESPECT TO HISTORIC BAYS AND WATERS. CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED
THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD BE
EALT WITH UNDER PROVISIONS 2 AND 3
OF MAIN TRENDS PAPER. CHILE AND ARGENTINA CHALLENGED

INTERPRETATION OF PHRASE "GENERAL INTERNATIONAL RECOG-
NITION," WHICH WAS INTENDED TO SOLVE NORWAY'S PROBLEM WITH
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THE USE OF LOW-TIDE ELEVATIONS FOR STRAIGHT BASELINES

SANCTIONED BY ANGLO/NORWEGIAN FISHERIES CASE. AFTER
DETAILED EXPLANATION BY NORWAY, CONCERNS OF
ARGENTINE AND CHILE WERE APPARENTLY SATISFIED.
BANGLADESH MADE STRONG PITCH FOR OPTION B OF PROVISION 5,
WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE USE OF "COASTAL WATERS" FOR
STRAIGHT BASELINE POINTS IN UNSTABLE DELTA AREAS.
CHAIRMAN, WITH APPARENT SUPPORT OF ALL OTHER (ABOUT 30)
DELEGATIONS PRESENT, REJECTED BANGLADESH OPTION IN FAVOR
OF OPTION A, WHICH CONTEMPLATES USE OF "FURTHEST SEAWARD
EXTENT OF LOW WATER LINE." US INTERVENTION SUGGESTED
SEVERAL WAYS WHEREBY TECHNICAL REVISIONS, REFLECTED
IN COMMENTS BY GROUP, MIGHT BE INCORPORATED TO PRODUCE
SINGLE TEXT9 CHAIRMAN THEN ANNOUNCED THAT SINGLE CON-
SOLIDATED TEXT WOULD BE PREPARED BY HIM AND REVISED ONLY
ONCE. THUS, HE CLOSED MEETING WITH MANDATE TO PRESENT
FIRST SINGLE TEXTS TO EMERGE FROM A COMMITTED II
LORKING GROUP.ABRAMS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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